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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Norikazu ARAI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2653
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Application No.: 10/612,168	)	Examiner: W. R. Korzuch
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Filed: July 3, 2003	)	
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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS,	)	Confirmation No.: 4165
RECORDING/REPRODUCING	)	
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH	)	
THE OPTICAL PICKUP	)	
APPARATUS, OPTICAL	)	
ELEMENT, AND INFORMATION	)	
RECORDING/ REPRODUCING	)	
METHOD	)	

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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**


According to our records, this continuation application was filed in the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2003. To date, we have not received an Official  
Action in this application.

In view of these circumstances, please advise the undersigned attorney of the  
status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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